

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, line 35, through page 4, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 11 is a graph showing large migrations or spikes of vibration in the return line of a power steering system that does not incorporate the energy attenuation device of the present invention; ~~and~~

Please insert the following paragraphs between lines 4 and 5 of page 4:

FIG. 13 shows an exemplary embodiment where the outer diameter of the spring is slightly greater than the inner diameter of the hose section; and

FIG. 14 shows an exemplary embodiment where the spring is embedded in the hose section.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 13 – 29, with the following amended paragraph:

As indicated previously, especially in conjunction with FIG. 10, the spring 21 is expediently of such a length that it will not extend over the entire length of the hose section 22. Such a spring 21 could, however, extend over the entire length of the hose section 22, extend over a substantial portion thereof, or extend over only a short portion of the length of the hose section 22. If fixed within the hose section 22, for example by having at least a portion of the outer diameter of the spring be greater than the inner diameter of the hose section (FIG. 13), or by having a portion of the length of the spring be embedded in the hose section (FIG. 14), a spring 21 that does not extend over the entire length thereof could be fixed in position at any suitable location thereof. Furthermore, more than one spring 21 could be disposed

in the return line 14 or pressure line 12. For example, FIG. 8 shows an embodiment wherein a first spring 21 is disposed in the hose section 22, and a further spring 21; is disposed in a second hose section 22'. In this embodiment, the two springs 21, 21' are separated from one another by a further hose section 28" as will be described in detail subsequently.